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1. DURING SEPT 19 COURTESY CALL TO PAY MY RESPECTS ON
PRES HAMDI FOLLOWING MY RECENT RETURN FROM VACATION,
I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CALL HIS ATTENTION TO THE HIGHLIGHTS OF
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEPT 16 SPEECH IN CINCINNATI CONCERNING
THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF US/MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

DRAWING ON PARA 1 REFTEL I EMPHASIZED USG
COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM IN OUR PEACE EFFORTS.
PRES HAMDI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COMPLEXITIES
INVOLVED BUT ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO CONTINUE AMERICAN
EFFORTS NOTING THAT "PRESIDENT SADAT WILL BE ISOLATED IF
THERE IS NO FURTHER MOVEMENT PARTICULARLY ON THE SYRIAN
SIDE". PRES HAMDI CONTINUED THAT WHILE RECENTLY IN
SYRIA HE GAINED DISTINCT IMPRESSION FROM TALKS WITH PRES
ASAD THAT SYRIA IS "READY" TO PROCEED
AND IN FACT WANTS VERY BADLY A SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL
ENABLE PRES ASSAD TO WITHSTAND PRESSURES FROM EXTREMISTS

BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF SYRIA.
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